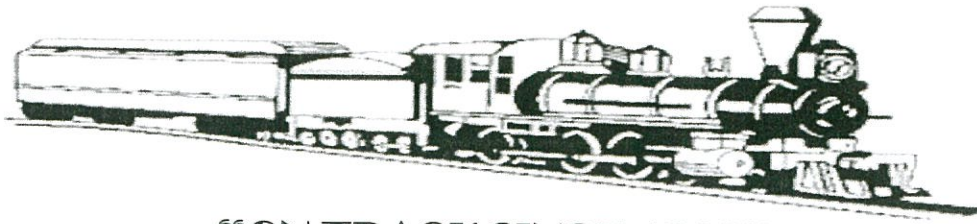


MAYORS NEWSLETTER

An informal, Bi-monthly, newsletter for the information of residents of the Town of Hurlock, Maryland from Mayor Joyce A. Spratt. Please e-mail comments or questions to:
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“ON TRACK SINCE 1892”

As I sit here today thinking about what is going on in the Town of Hurlock, I can only say that good things are happening!!!

The paving of Neelson Street and Poplar Street is finished and looking brand new!! Nine more streets were patched and improved too. Thank you Mr. Avery for overseeing this project and doing a great job!!!

As I announced at the last town meeting, we are asking when you cut your grass please do not blow the grass into the street because it then gets in the storm water drains and clogs them up.

I was privileged to attend the Teacher of the Year ceremony for Dorchester County last month and was very impressed with the presentation, the food prepared by the culinary arts dept., and the professional manner in which it was all done. Dwayne Abt served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening and did a great job!! Congratulations to Linda Blackmon, Teacher of the Year and to David Blisard, First Teacher of the Year. Linda is from North Dorchester High School and David is from North Dorchester Middle School!!! Way to go North Dorchester!!!

News from our local Lions Club. To date \$59,000.00 has been donated to North Dorchester High School over the past 18 years for scholarships for deserving seniors! This money is raised by doing a scholarship dinner every spring!! If you are looking for a great organization to get involved with contact a Lions Member today. In fact Councilman Parker Durham is the president of this great organization. Women are also welcome and I am happy to say I have been a part of this scholarship dinner and Lions Club for many years!!!

More good news from the Patricia H. Hopkins Scholarship Fund, Inc. This organization was founded 31 years ago after the death of Pat Hopkins, teacher, coach, and counselor at North Dorchester High School. The original board of directors consisted of four men and they awarded a \$1000 scholarship to a member of the 1983 graduating class.

Very recently, the current 15 member board of directors awarded \$30,000 to six graduates from the class of 2013. All recipients must graduate from North Dorchester High School and plan to attend college to pursue a chosen career.

Over the past 3 decades, over 100 recipients have been awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of scholarships. To date, they have all completed college (or are still attending) and have become successful in their respective endeavors.

Contributions are fully tax deductible. The Hopkins Fund is a 501C(3) Organization and any donations can be mailed to the Patricia H. Hopkins Scholarship Fund, Inc. at P O Box 216 Hurlock, Md. 21643

News from HES!!! Yearbook orders are due by May 31st

5/31 End of year celebration with an outdoor movie night at 7:30

June 4th Certificate Presentation

9am First Grade

10am Second Grade

1pm Third Grade

2pm Fourth Grade

June 6th Fifth Grade Graduation 1pm

June 7th Last Day of School 1:30 dismissal

Congratulations to the 148 Term 3 Reading Rock Stars, 362,129 pages read!!!!!!!

It is with much regret that I must say that the Hurlock Medical Center will close on May 17th. Having had a medical center in Hurlock for 57 years this is sad that residents must go to Cambridge or Federalsburg because Choptank did not feel the need to let the town know in ample time to try to staff the current facility with another doctor. It is impossible to be given 3 ½ weeks to fill such a position especially after being told just 3 months ago that they were definitely not closing up, that maybe they would just try to find a smaller space and scale back a little.

We will diligently be working on getting something going in Hurlock. I have pursued every avenue possible with them even to the suggesting they be open 3 days a week but they were determined to leave. 5500 visits to "our" medical center should be enough to support a doctor and staff. Dr. Fadden who still owns the building is working with us daily to find someone to locate here. Thanks Dr. Fadden for your commitment to Hurlock.

Had the privilege last week to work with 2 girls from the front office that used comp time to help with the Women Build for Habitat for Humanity Home in Cambridge. What a great organization and can't wait to help with the 3 houses they will build soon in Hurlock. EVERYONE needs to take time to do this when Habitat comes to town!! Happily I can say I know how to lay a ceramic tile floor!!!

Please see the attached message from your Police Chief!! Thanks Chief Hutton for a job well done.

Hoping to see everyone at the next town meeting on May 28th at 6pm. Note that it is a Tuesday because of the Memorial Holiday.

Thanks for letting me be your Mayor!!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Spratt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the beginning of the first name.